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SUBJECT:SMITHSONIAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

- 1. SMITHSONIAN DESIROUS OBTAINING ABOUT TWENTY-FIVE PERFORMING FOLK ARTISTS (DANCERS, SINGERS, MUSICIANS, CRAFTSPERSONS) FROM SURINAM TO PARTICIPATE "AFRICAN DIASPORA" THEME AREA OF 1976 BICENTENNIAL FESTIVAL AMERTCAN FOLKLIFE. SIX AFRICAN AND SEVEN OTHER CARIBBEAN NATIONS ALSO BEING INVITED TO APPEAR DURING TWELVE WEEK FESTIVAL.
- 2. SMITHSONIAN PAYS ALL STATESIDE COSTS (INTERNAL TRAVEL, BOARD, LODGING, TEN DOLLARS PER DIEM). SURINAM WILL BE ASKED FUND ROUNDTRIP AIRFARE TO WASHINGTON, COMPENSATE PARTICIPANTS FOR ANY LOST WORK-TIME.
- 3. AFTER TWO WEEKS WASHINGTON (FOUR ORIENTATION AND SIGHTSEEING, TEN PERFORMING ON THE MALL) GROUP COULD TOUR FOR TWO TO THREE WEEKS APPEARING AT MAJOR CITIES' BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS. UNCLASSIFIED

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4. IF CONGEN BELIEVES FEASIBLE, JULIEN EUELL, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, SMITHSONIAN, COULD VISIT PARAMARIBO TWO OR THREE DAYS DURING MID-OCTOBER CARIBBEAN SWING, MAKE INITIAL PRESENTATION APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS WITH

CONGEN GUIDANCE. A SMITHSONIAN CONSULTING
ETHNOMUSICOLOGIST WOULD CONDUCT FIELD RESEARCH LATER
ACCOMPANIED BY FOLKLORIST OR CULTURAL SPECIALIST
DESIGNATED BY SURINAM GOVERNMENT, TO SELECT FOLK ARTISTS.

5. SMITHSONIAN MAILING BACKGROUND MATERIALS ON FESTIVAL, PROPOSED DRAFT AGREEMENT, EUELL BIO DATA, AND DESCRIPTION EARLIER APPEARANCES BY JAMAICA, HAITI, TRINIDAD/TOBAGO.

6. SMITHSONIAN WOULD APPRECIATE CONGEN OPINION AND ADVICE IF EUELL VISIT CONSIDERED USEFUL. KISSINGER

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